Assistance to Punjab for development of industrial sector

1750. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grants/assistance provided to Punjab for the development of industrial sector and rural development during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the aforesaid grants were sufficient for the purpose in the State; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to ensure sufficiency of funds to the Punjab State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Tribunal to examine sick industries

1751. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a tribunal at the Centre and at the State levels to examine viability of industries going sick and declare which of them have become sick; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken in respect of the industries going sick?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (b) Government have already set up the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), a quasi-judicial body, under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 with a view to securing timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies, as also for speedy determination of preventive and remedial measures which need to be taken with respect to such companies.

Unlicensed blood banks

1752. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 49% blood banks are unlicensed and no monitoring is done to ensure that they preserve blood properly;

(b) in what manner it is ensured that provisions of Blood Safcty Regulation Act are observed by these banks for testing HIV and Hepatitis and tests are carried out before any blood transfusion; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to regulate all these banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) About 25 patients of all Blood Banks in the Country are unlicensed either on account of non-renewal of the licences or non-compliance of conditions of licence as laid down in the Rules. The State Drug Controllers have directed all unlicensed Blood Banks to obtain from the concerned State Licensing Authorities.

(b) and (c) The licensing authority is required to follow strictly the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 relating to safety of blood and blood products which include HIV and Hepatitis testing before granting or renewing a Blood Bank licence. The State Licensing Authorities have been directed to conduct audit of Blood Banks in their respective States/Union Territories with special emphasis on the maintenance of records of HIV and Hepatitis testing.